



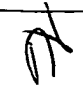
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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/009,184	Applicant(s) EHRFELD ET AL. 	
	Examiner Allan Kuhns	Art Unit 1732	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2004.
 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 25-33 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 25-33 is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 13 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1.The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2.Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bellasalma (3,703,572). Bellasalma discloses or suggests the basic claimed procedure for replicative fabrication and packaging of at least one molded part as one magazine/molded part composite including (1) fabricating at least one molded part using a prefabricated magazine (mold 18), (2) simultaneously demolding the magazine and the molded part as one magazine/molded part composite (note Figure 9), and (3) removing the molded part from the prefabricated magazine or mold (note Figure 10). In discussing the thin mold or magazine at column 4, lines 46-47, Bellasalma states that if the thin mold is damaged, it can easily be duplicated. By inference, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to simply reuse the prefabricated mold to form an additional molded part in instances when the mold was not damaged in order to avoid needless mold duplication. Bellasalma appears not to teach the forming of a microstructured part but suggests that his method has such capability by stating at column 3, lines 6-7 that his method is capable of reproducing the "slightest imperfection" from the surface of the pattern or model.

Bellasalma also teaches the use of a split tool, as in claim 13, by disclosing the use of a mold box and cover at column 4, lines 21-25.

3.Claims 1-11 and 25-33 are allowed.

4. Applicant's arguments filed August 27, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments are considered to be moot by the examiner based on the revised ground of rejection introduced in this Office action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allan Kuhns whose telephone number is (571) 272-1202. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Colaiani, can be reached on (571) 272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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